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(865) AREA CODE TRANSITION TIME EXPANDS

NASHVILLE - Residents of the (9) nine East Tennessee counties slated to receive the (865/VOL) area code will have a little extra time in which to prepare for the transition.

As reported earlier, the permissive dialing period was initially set to begin on October 1, 1999, with mandatory dialing beginning on February 1, 2000.

According to Lockheed-Martin, the organization that monitors number consumption, the new permissive calling period will officially begin **November 1, 1999, with mandatory dialing beginning on April 24, 2000.**

“We wanted to give the residents of the impacted counties as much time as possible to prepare for the change to (865),” says Eddie Roberson, of the TRA’s Consumer Services Division.

Lockheed further states that the extension in time can be accommodated without the risk of running out of telephone numbers.

The change will give residents close to two extra months worth of prep time.

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